

## ***Region 3 Shale Gas Salient Issues***

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### **OPA**

**Media Frenzy Over Latest Developments in Dimock, Pa.** - The Region 3 press office and the EPA Headquarters press office fielded a flurry of media calls from local and national media this past week on EPA's latest involvement with surveying residents in parts of Dimock, Pa. who were impacted by water quality issues from hydrofracking activities. In response to media inquiries, EPA issued written desk statements that explained how EPA is surveying some Dimock residents to gather information to help fill in information gaps about their drinking water supply. EPA will use the information to determine what, if any, next steps are needed. The desk statement also emphasized the important role natural gas plays in our nation's clean energy future and how the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. (Terri White, 814-5523; David Sternberg, 814-5548; and Roy Seneca, 814-5567)

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